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SUBJECT: MOTION ON SUSPENSION OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM
FOR CHILE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL
OF THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, NOVEMBER 18,
1976. THE RESOLUTION WAS SENT TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN
SCHOLARSHIPS, WHICH HAS CHILE ON THE AGENDA OF ITS NEXT
MEETING, DECEMBER 8:

- BEGIN QUOTE - WHEREAS, THERE ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY,
AMONG A WIDE SPECTRUM OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, INCLUDING
THE LATIN AMERICAN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF INTER-
NATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS, STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO SUSPEND
THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM FOR SENDING AMERICAN SCHOLARS TO
CHILE, BASED ON A CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE OF
ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN CHILE, WHICH MOST SCHOLARS AGREE IS
NONEXISTENT.

- WHEREAS, THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE FROM REPUTABLE
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GROUPS SUCH AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND THE U.S.

COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO INDICATE: (1) THE CANONS OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM, AS WELL AS HUMAN RIGHTS, ARE BEING SYSTEMATICALLY VIOLATED IN CHILE; (2) THAT U.S. ACADEMICS

COULD NOT NOW FREELY TEACH AND CONDUCT RESEARCH IN CHILE; (3) THAT CUTTING OFF THE PROGRAM COULD NOT IMPAIR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS; AND (4) THAT THERE IS NOW NO REASONABLE CASE FOR ASSUMING THAT ELEMENTS WITHIN CHILEAN UNIVERSITIES SUPPORTING ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND OPPOSED TO CURRENT ACADEMIC POLICIES ARE HELPED BY THE PROGRAM.

- AND WHEREAS, WITH HUMAN RIGHTS RIDERS NOW BEING ATTACHED TO LEGISLATION GOVERNING ARMS SALES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER FOREIGN AID, IT WOULD NOT SEEM PRESUMPTUOUS TO ATTACH SUCH A RIDER ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM TO THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM FOR CHILE.

- BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF OTHER SCHOLARS TO SUSPEND THE SENDING OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS TO CHILE UNDER THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM AND THE LATIN AMERICAN TEACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. - END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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